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War Portents and Propaganda Sweep the World

World Peace Forces

Must Act Quickly

Under the smoke screen of fair words, vociferous professions of peace and justice by imperialist powers, and peace pacts pretending to limit armaments, there has not been since the World War so many war preparations and movements of fleets and troops ships and so much war and preparedness propaganda as now.

Seven leading powers are concentrating battleships and troops on China. The United States continues to move marines and battle ships to Nicaragua and to strengthen its military forces near the Mexican border.

These ACTS have much more significance than any WORDS issuing from the diplomatic headquarters of these imperialist nations.

Never before with them such crying need of utmost action by the peace forces of the world. THE IMMEDIATE JOB OF ALL SOCIALISTS, ALL PROGRESSIVES, ALL WORKERS, IS TO PREVENT ANOTHER WORLD WAR—A WAR THAT WOULD BE INCOMMENSURATELY MORE FRIGHTFUL AND DESTRUCTIVE THAN THE LAST ONE.

War-Makers Forming A Big World Trust

Under the subtitle, "Explosives Bring Harmony," the Wall Street Journal says in a recent article:

"After years of intense competition and conflict, chemical manufacturers of the world are drawing together. As chemical industries are regarded as vital to national defense, they usually get about all the tariff protection they want. Competitors, therefore, often find it more profitable to compromise and share markets than to shut each other out altogether."

"Last year the so-called dynamite trust was reorganized. Dupont, Nobel and the 2 German makers formed a small company in London with a view to establishing a common marketing policy throughout the world."

The Journal shows that the chemical concerns in this world trust are

becoming financially interrelated as well. The Mond-Nobel group which dominate in England have reached out into Dynamite-Hamburg while Dupont has been buying up the other great German trust, I. G. Farben.

Crisis Now Like

The One In 1914

Middlesbrough, York, England—David Lloyd George, Liberal leader and former premier, tonight, drew comparison between some conditions leading up to the World War in 1914 and those prevailing in China.

Alluding to the present widespread movement of troops to China, he said:

"The sinister fact was that it was a premature movement of troops in 1914 that brought negotiations to an end and projected the great war. We must see that the same thing does not happen again."

Mussolini Is For

Force In China

ROME, Italy.—Premier Mussolini has made it clear, in answering Great Britain's memorandum addressed to all the powers having interests in the far East, that he is ready to join the British in the use of force if the situation at Shanghai becomes critical.

Nations Secretly Betray Peace Pact

LONDON.—Naval construction has been revolutionized during the last five years. Behind the scenes naval architects have been planning, designing, scrapping, redesigning and remodeling patiently and ploddingly. The layman told himself in 1922 that the Washington naval treaty ended all naval big ship competition for at least ten years. In actual practice nothing of the sort has occurred.

Great Britain has built two battleships, the Nelson and the Rodney, 25,000 tons displacement each. They embody revolutionary armament ideas. All nine guns of 16 inch caliber, each firing a shell of 2,240

pounds weight every two minutes, are carried forward.

France and Italy are taking up their allotment of 35,000 tons provided by the Washington treaty, in two super-cruisers each of 17,500 tons displacement. These cruisers defy the treaty restrictions which say the limit of cruiser displacement shall be 10,000 tons. The light cruiser before the Washington treaty fired a broadside of 600 pounds. The broadside of the new cruiser is 2,240 pounds.

All World Making Deadly Chemicals

PARIS, France.—The announcement of the ministry of war that a liquid flame throwing squad will soon be incorporated in every battalion of the French army has led to the disclosure that every army in Europe is now undergoing intensive training in "deadly" chemical warfare.

In explanation to this type of warfare, which was so widely de-

nounced in the world war, the French high command says it is not the intention of France to use gas first, but only to be prepared in case an enemy employs it in the next conflict.

Germany is working to perfect two new gases, one said to render harmless all known forms of gases, the other putting whole armies to sleep for four hours.

Italy and Belgium say they are forced to build up formidable defensive chemical warfare departments because "all other countries are doing it."

Bodies training a personnel of technicians, each nation is also developing a huge reservoir of chemicals, again with the excuse of "in case" an enemy makes the first gas attack.

Research work in connection with the chemical arm is likewise comprehensive. It is no secret that many new deadly gases have been discovered since the armistice.

Next to aviation secrets, those of chemical warfare are most sought after by the intelligence services of various nations. At present such spying by outwardly friendly nations on each other is widespread.

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Typical Radio War Preparedness Talk

(The following is from a typical radio war talk broadcast recently from Chicago to thousands by Lieutenant Colonel LeRoy F. Smith, general staff, United States Army.)

"The United States not only leads the parade of nations in respect to military inactivity, but is practically the whole procession with its weakest competitor more than twice as attentive to the necessity of armed forces. Figured on the basis of military strength in proportion to population our strongest competitor is displaying twenty-seven times as much interest in preparation for war.

"Arbitration is all right when the other party can be counted on to stand by the results of arbitration. In Mexico, however, years of arbitration have resulted only in violated agreements. The United States must protect with military force the rights of its citizens in Mexico. Chicago members of the American Legion are urged to write their representatives in Congress urging them to support a bigger navy program."

"All this is true in the face of the fact that chemical weapons have been forbidden in a series of international treaties beginning with that of Versailles and including the Washington disarmament agreement. This generation is doing all it can to provide scraps of paper for future use."

Sowing the Seeds of Fear and Hate

(The following is another sample of the kind of pro-war propaganda with which the nation is now being flooded.)

"Denver, Colo.—Virtually every nation in Europe hates the United States, an Europe is seeking a strong man, such as Premier Mussolini of Italy, to lead it in knocking "Uncle Sam" off his shoulders." Gen. Peyton C. March, former chief of staff of the United States army, declared here. General March has just completed a five years tour of the seventeen major countries of Europe.

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Pro-War Paper Owns to Guilt of America

(The following is an editorial in full from the Chicago Tribune.)

"Each battalion of French infantry is to have its squad of liquid flame throwers, it has been announced by the ministry of war. Correspondents abroad note that similar 'defensive' measures are being taken by every army in Europe. It is known that the Germans, the French, and the Russians are working on poison gases in the laboratories. So are the Italians and the Belgians, all of whom, we believe, signatories of the Geneva Protocol which forbids the use of chemical weapons.

"Of course, it is no secret that this country, too, is preparing chemical weapons. A section of the army with an arsenal at its disposal is devoted to the business."

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World Court Bar Isolates America

(Washington, D. C.—The United States is definitely out of the world court. Three major powers, including Great Britain, notified the state department today that they are not prepared to accept the American reservations unconditionally.

The names of the other powers were not made public by the state department.

President Coolidge has announced publicly that if the other powers did not accept the American reservations, without change, the United States would remain outside the court. In the light of this pronouncement, advancing today that the long effort by the Harding and Coolidge administrations to make the United States a member of the tribunal of interna-

tional justice have been made futile.

America is out of the world court because she has demanded nationalistic reservations and privileges not asked for by any other power. This further self-isolation of America increases the war danger.

U. S. Forces Trail British Imperialists

(Washington, D. C.—The U. S. Pees with 250 marines has arrived at Shanghai from Cavite, Philippines island, the navy department announces. The marines will await further orders from Admiral Clarence S. Williams, commander in chief of the Asiatic fleet.

1,200 Yanks Leave Honolulu.

HONOLULU, T. H.—The United States transport Chaumont, with 1,200 marines on board, has departed officially for Guam—but un-

official opinion among the marine officers aboard is that they will be sent direct to Shanghai and will land there within fourteen days.

Big Navy Men Busy As Coolidge Makes Navy Peace Gesture

(While the advocates of a big American navy were launching their plans by which they hope to gain the support of the House and Senate for a big battleship program, President Coolidge addressed a message to Congress proposing a conference between signers of the Washington naval pact—United States, Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan—another conference for the further limitation of navies.

The bigger navy men base their campaign on the charge that the Washington pact has been violated.

Washington, D. C.—Plans to urge the adoption of a naval building program before adjournment on March 4, much more ambitious in its scope,

was thought possible of achievement when congress convened in Dec-

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Live Long
Under Free
Discussion

Socialist International Warns of New World War

Condemns Soviets for Supplying German Reactionaries With Munitions

PARIS, France.—The Executive Committee of the Labor and Socialist International in session here has issued a stirring appeal in which it says that the spread of Fascism threatens a new world war and that the Balkan situation is similar to that of 1914. Workmen throughout the world are urged to protest against the projected Hapsburg restoration in Hungary.

The American policy in Mexico and Central America and the Italian policy in Albania, Abyssinia, Arabia and the Balkans, where Italy is said to be trying to form an alliance between Hungary, Roumania and Bulgaria against Yugoslavia, were condemned.

The appeal protests against the British action in China and especially the use of Indian native troops against the Chinese. It urges the recall of the troops and the annulment of the one-sided treaties, the abolition of concessions and the establishment of

complete Chinese independence.

The Committee meeting is presided over by Arthur Henderson, British Labor leader. The Labor and Socialist International includes virtually all non-Communist and all non-Fascist labor organizations in Europe.

The German members of the Committee displayed evidence to show that the Soviet government of Russia has been manufacturing war munitions for the German reactionaries, part of which was used to kill workers in Germany. A photograph was shown of the telegram alleged to have been sent by the Reichswehr chiefs to an American bank announcing the shipment of \$50,000 for the payment of arms and poison gas manufactured in Russia under the auspices of the Soviet government. The testimony of German workers who had worked in the Soviet munition factories was given. Pamphlets in German and French will be issued by the Labor and Socialist movement of Europe denouncing this act of the Soviet government.

The marines are merely presidential tools of usurpation and war making upon friendly little nations.

Socialist Mayor Spurns Invitation of the War-Makers

MILWAUKEE—Daniel W. Hoan, Socialist Mayor of Milwaukee, has refused to appoint three citizens of Milwaukee to act as members of the Army and Navy Preparedness Committee, with headquarters in New York City. Mayor Hoan tore the mask off from these kind of organizations and exposed their past war-making record and motives in the following letter:

"I must respectfully decline to appoint three representative citizens to the committee on preparedness about which you write. My reason for doing so is that I know of nothing that will be more likely to lead this country into a future war than the organization of the group in which you are engaged. The last preparedness movement, witnessed in this country, assisted in plunging this country into the World War.

Citizens Are Misled.

"More than that, some honest citizens into thinking it was a bona fide patriotic movement. If my memory serves me right, the congressional investigation brought out the fact that it was not only financed by munition makers, but by foreign groups that were decidedly working to bring this country into the war.

"Your organization may now start without any such influence back of it, but there will always be the danger that so long as it exists, such influences, by donations to it, or by other means, will strive to use it to serve their interests.

Too Much Power.

"My second reason for not complying is that the experience of the United States, Germany, France and many other nations prove more eloquently than anything I might say, that a preparedness program and movement is more likely to lead a country into war than to preserve peace.

The president of the United States exercises altogether too much power to make it safe to entrust in his hands too great an army and navy. His present attitude in defying congress, as well as the wishes of this country that we arbitrate our differences with minor countries like Nicaragua and Mexico, is ample evidence of that fact and is in violation of treaty obligations.

"I am wholly out of sympathy with your movement and will not in any manner participate in it."

From The Pen Of Debs

(Compiled by Theodore Debs)

Educate the Child

Every child is a potential revolutionary; whether he becomes one in fact will depend upon his intellectual environment and training during the formative period of his career.

Every wealth producer, every wage-worker, ought to be in revolt against the system that robs him, and, if he was, the capitalist system would not last overnight. The reason the workers of this and every other nation on earth are not in open revolt against the system that robs them is that the beneficiaries of capitalism control every avenue of information and education from the cradle to the grave.

In schools, both public and private, the child of the worker is taught to revere the institutions of capitalism; six days in the week, through the school, the press and the spoken word, a perfect deluge of capitalist philosophy and hypocrisy is poured upon the innocent and plastic mind of the child of the worker. On Sunday the church and the Sunday school perform their services for capitalism, and the child mind is doped with the false morals of the master class—all in the sacred name of religion.

All the institutions of capitalism, including the State, the church, the press, the schools and even the places of amusement, conspire to poison the receptive mind of the child of the worker.

The hope of the future is in the child of today; teach him the songs of the revolution and above all teach him the revolutionary character of Jesus, the worker; teach him the religion of Love and Human Brother hood; teach him to despise war and the mentors of war.

Inculcate in the mind of the child love for and a pride in his class, for "as the twig is bent the tree inclines." If the Socialists of today will attend to the training of the child tomorrow will take care of it.

Sherman On War

"I confess without shame that I am tired and sick of war. Its glory is all moonshine. Even success, the most brilliant, is over dead and mangled bodies, the anguish and lamentation of distant families appealing to me for missing sons, husbands and fathers. It is only those who have not heard a shot nor heard the shrieks and groans of the wounded and lacerated, that cry aloud for more blood, more vengeance, more desolation. War is hell!"

The big banks are eating the little ones. Twelve hundred gobbled the last year.

Tories O. K. Law Against Strikes And Labor Party

(LONDON—The government's program of legislation to restrict the power of labor unions to such an extent that another general strike would be virtually impossible received a vote of confidence in the house of commons today.

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Army Members and Locals Show How It's Done

"Our circle is going to hustle for Appeal subscriptions. Could you help us out? We would like to get a lot of Maynard subscribers with the rest of their subscriptions end." —Alli S. Lindstrom, Maynard Circle, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

"Hurrar for the Yipsels! When they get started the Appeal will go like

"Send me 20 yearly and 20 half yearly Appeal sub cards for enclosed \$30." —W. J. Ervin, Finnish Socialist Federation, Fitchburg, Mass.

The way the language federations are getting behind the Appeal makes us feel absolutely sure of the future."

"I wish to state for Local San Francisco that we will do our best to increase American Appeal subscriptions. Send us the names and addresses of the San Francisco readers of the Appeal who are delinquent." —J. Steiner, Secretary.

"The Jugular Socialist Federation will do everything possible for the Appeal. At the last meeting we authorized the purchase of 25 yearly sub cards which were obtained from Comrade Steuer who appeared before

the meeting of Branch No. 1. When we dispose of that lot, we will order some more." —Charles Pogorelc, Translator-Secretary.

"In behalf of Local Umatilla, Ore., I am enclosing five six month subscriptions for the Appeal and check herewith. We have decided to send the Appeal to five good prospects for six months rather than order bundles, as most of us are farmers and too busy to hand them out. When the six months are up, we will send five more six month subs." —Mrs. Minnie McFarland, Salem, Ohio, a veteran of the Mexican and Nicaraguan situation."

"We'll say that's a good plan and hope other locals will follow it."

"Here's the way the Socialist fight is warming up in the New England district. Alfred Baker Lewis, Secretary, sends in the following orders:

"For subs, including three-month trial sub for trade union leaders of Pittsfield, Mass., \$1.80 and the following bundles: Boston Central Branch 25 in addition to their regular bundle; and 10 copies each to individuals in Salem, Worcester, Greenfield, Newburyport and Lowell."

"A great deal of discussion has

taken place here in the last few days in regard to the possibility of preventing war. It has occurred to me that while the subject is uppermost in mind, we have an unusual opportunity of getting the Socialist plan before the people. I am, therefore, making a list of 16 persons whom I think are much interested in this subject and ask that you mail each a copy of the January 16th issue of the Appeal, marking the article, 'Can We Establish a Warless World?' You might include the late leaflet giving the Party's stand on the Mexican and Nicaraguan situation."

"Here is a check for five new subs. These are all young men who are growing discontented. Perhaps the Appeal will reveal to them the cause of their discontent and the solution of the problem that confronts them. You are getting out the best radical paper in America today and if those who are interested in evolutionary progress would get behind you there is no question but that the American Appeal will attain the circulation once reached by the old Appeal to Reason. You can count on my help in every possible way." —George H. Shoaf, Los Angeles.

"Several faithful comrades here want to contribute their time to the Debs Monument. The Appeal is a glorious paper. I enclose a dollar for my renewal. I am extremely busy and cannot devote the time I would like to the great Cause in this super-scholarly period of history." —Charles Bondall, Salem, Ohio, a veteran of the Civil War and Friend of Debs.

"Enclosed find one dollar for my renewal and a dollar donation toward sustaining the life of the paper founded by our great leader, Eugene V. Debs. Our cause is growing in this part of the country, but there are few yet who are outspoken in favor of the Party." —Emmet Miller, Gascoyne, N. Dak.

"Please send me the American Appeal for one year for the Library of the American Federation of Labor." —Julian Pierce, Librarian, Washington, D. C.

"I am sending you a list of names of subscribers whose subs are due to expire. Would you please cross out those who have not renewed, as I want to get after them." —Henry Heesaker, West De Pere, Wis.

"That's the way the above Army Scout goes after those whose subs he turned in. A lot more are doing the same thing. WE WANT EVERY

APPEAL HUSTLER TO DO THIS FOR THEIR PAPER."

"Long live the Appeal and much good may it do. Here is a dollar to help maintain it during 1927. May we be able soon to put it on a self-sustaining basis. Please tell King or dictator Coolidge and his chum Kellogg that the mothers of the soldiers

of five to run every week. I have made arrangements with the pool hall man here to sell the Appeal at a nickel. If they go all right he will keep them for sale there." —Z. F. Anderson, Pukwana, S. Dak.

of the World War say that if they are determined to get us into war with Mexico or any other country, to don the uniforms and fight it out themselves." —Mrs. M. E. Blaylock, Greenwood, Ark.

"Please find inclosed \$5 for which send me sub cards and Gene's picture. Where can I get in touch with some person in our state to get connected with the movement?" —I am a kid of three score and thirteen years and have been in the revolutionary movement 50 years. You are sure throwing light on the Mexican situation, as I am well acquainted with old Porfirio Diaz, that imp of hell, who kept the poor peons in subjection." —Albert Peterman, Cumberland, Iowa.

"I don't know that this address will catch you. I hope it will as I want the Appeal. Thought it had gone dead." —P. T. Goings, Hilly, La.

"Please renew my sub and send the Appeal to the enclosed address of my brother. I am 73 years old today and still full of fight for Socialism."

Socialist Party News

Colorado

Colorado Comrades, Attention! The bright spot of the day is a swing on the horizon, so let us rally and hasten the glad day in.

We have had a good vacation from party activities, so now let us buckle up our armor and wade into the fray as we meant to.

We have around \$70,000 in the state treasury now, and I am bereft with issuing a call for volunteer contributions to supplement it and then get an organizer in the state and put the state in the front ranks in the fight for the emancipation of mankind.

Yours for Socialism in our time,

—C. A. Bushnell, State Secy.

New England District

Boston

The Speakers Training Class has met regularly since it started two months ago every Sunday at 5:00 p.m. at 21 Essex Street. The meetings are open to everyone. February 20th the subject will be "Crises, Panics, and Business Depressions."

Esther Friedman speaks at our hall, 21 Essex Street, on Thursday Feb. 17th at \$1.00 on "The Need for a Labor Party," and on Thursday February 24th at "The Struggle between Democracy and Plutocracy in America."

Springfield

Esther Friedman speaks on February 20th at the Socialist Party Headquarters, 132 Endicott St. on "The Need for a Labor Party."

Maynard

The Y. P. S. L. and Socialist Party will have Esther Friedman at Socialist Hall on Tuesday, February 22nd, on the subject of "The Struggle between Plutocracy and Democracy in America."

Worcester

Esther Friedman will speak for the Educational Committee of the Central Labor Union on "Labor and the Next War" Wednesday, February 23rd. On Friday February 17th and 24th she has two meetings for the Socialist Party.

Greenfield

Esther Friedman speaks at the Socialist Party hall on Saturday February 19th and Saturday February 26th on the subjects of "War" and "American Plutocracy," respectively.

New Haven

The Socialist Party will hold a banquet for the benefit of The Community, Saturday evening, February 26th, at The Workmen's Circle Educational Center, 433 Oak Street, New Haven.

This is the Second Annual Banquet

and an unusually good time is promised to those who attend. We are holding the banquet for the purpose of creating interest in the paper, and we hope that all who want to see the paper expand in size and increase in circulation will be present.

who want to help out in this good work are asked to do so.

The reactionaries tried to slip over a criminal syndicalism bill, but the State Secretary had gotten several organizations to oppose the bill.

The State Executive Committee at its meeting of last Sunday went on record to send resolutions of condemnation to the daughter of the late Lucian Sanial. It was the sense of the committee that the Party should be represented at any hearing of the State Legislature on Waterpower, and that Waldman, Thomas, or both, should be invited to present the position of the Socialist Party on this most important subject.

Reports from Cleveland are to the effect that the Party is in much better shape, with better activity all along the line, than there has been for some years.

We hope that the American Appeal readers will all get back of their State Organization and become members. Write your State Secretary, John G. Willert, 301 Superior Building, Cleveland, and tell him you are ready to help.

It is very necessary that the Party in Ohio be built up. You have made a good start, the Party is growing, subscriptions to the American Appeal are on the increase, so let's go right ahead. Every Socialist should carry a red card.

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Among those who addressed the gathering were Claessens, Onsal, Hillquit, Ingberman, Diskant, Waldman, Cassidy, Fine and Feingoldbaum. It was agreed that the conference had created sufficient interest in the problems of the organization to warrant its continuation and it was the sense that the State Executive Committee should call another session at an early date, conference members being present except Sander of Syracuse, who was absent with excuse.

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NEWS AND VIEWS

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A real war is going on between United States and the people of Nicaragua. While this war has as its objective the crushing of the national government of Nicaragua, caused by the vote of the majority of the people, the Coolidge administration is assuming the attitude that there is no war, that there has been no infringement.

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Americans should be proud that their marines are in league with elements in Central America that are forcing children and women to do their fighting!

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After such an experience, President Coolidge comes forward with a proposal to renew this agreement. It requires a terrific strain on one's credibility not to see in this move anything but a cheap and hypocritical political play.

The answer from France brings out startlingly the isolation and responsibility of the United States. France politely refers President Coolidge to the League of Nations as the proper body to deal with such question. This brings out the fact that all efforts to bring the United States into the League of Nations failed. The United States not only kept to its high horse on the League of Nations, but it demanded so many reservations and special privileges in regard to the World Court that the members of that body have now refused to admit the United States.

A real league of nations and a real world court, or other world bodies, alone could justly or properly deal with such questions as limitation of armament, or disarmament. But the United States has put itself outside of all world bodies, and after doing this Coolidge comes with the absurd and insulting proposal for an armament agreement between the five strongest imperialist governments in the world. The present isolation of the United States is extremely dangerous and war-provoking. While nothing short of the abolition of capitalism will remove all the causes of war, some sort of world unity, some sort of a court of all nations, might prevent an unspeakable catastrophe until industrial democracy comes.

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CLEVELAND—Protection for locomotive engineers and firemen on their runs, obtained in a number of states by legislation, is practically wiped out by the U. S. supreme court decision that the interstate commerce commission, and not the states, has the power to act in such matters. The case was an appeal by the railroads against a Wisconsin statute requiring curtains for locomotive cabs and against a number of protective laws in other states.

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Memphis, Tenn.—Expressing belief that legislation which would interfere with the proper teaching of science in American schools and colleges is futile and can serve no good, the Educational Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church South went on record here almost unanimously as opposed to such legislation. There were only two dissenting votes.

"We, the members of the Education Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, here put ourselves on record as opposed to all legislation that would interfere with the proper teaching of science in American schools and colleges.

"We are opposed to all legislation of that sort because we believe it to be futile and can serve no good," said the resolution, adopted with only two dissenting votes.

Jeffersonville, Mo.—The anti-evolution bill introduced in the legislature here recently was killed in the House.

Little Rock.—The Rotenberry anti-evolution bill, which would have prohibited the teaching of evolution in tax-supported schools of Arkansas, was killed today by the senate.

Concord, N. H.—The state house of representatives, without debate, passed the resolution, without debate, that the law gives no authority to question any one about his citizenship unless he today killed the anti-evolution bill.

The Amalgamated Clothing Workers have been trying for over a year to unionize the runaway shop of Rothchild & Granert, formerly under union agreement in Chicago. The shop was organized after a strike last summer, but it broke the agreement at the first opportunity. The strike has been renewed with a strong but law-abiding picket line that has earned the respect of the police.

Failing to get the usual police cooperation in breaking a strike, the clothing firm is now enjoying the benefit of assistance from the federal authorities. They are attempting to intimidate the strikers by inquiring of them whether they are citizens or aliens and there is talk in the news papers in this connection of deporting those not born in the United States.

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Italian Fascism is proving more and more every day that you can't run an industrial system with bayonets, as the following dispatch shows:

ROME—Unemployment, which is officially around 150,000, or double that of last summer, is credibly reported to be in reality much more serious, but masked by the system of short working hours.

One abnormal feature of the situation is that, although the value of the lira has increased by 25 per cent since Sept. 1, wholesale prices have diminished but little, and retail prices have tended to increase, despite government efforts to fix prices.

Apparently merchants, in their desperate need of ready cash, are determined to realize every possible penny from their stock on hand. This, of course, discourages buying and puts still greater strain alike on merchant and consumer.

To a question from the audience as to British imperialism and the readiness of the present British government to fight for it, Ponsonby replied: "Imperialism has been transferred to the United States."

Ponsonby received an ovation. "If is the most applause any Forum speaker has received for two years," the chairman told the audience.

Railway Labor Gets Big Increase Under Watson-Parker Act

NEW YORK—The most important settlement ever reached by a group of railroads and their employees through the medium of mediation was signed in this city at 1:00 p. m. on Saturday, February 5.

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The military atmosphere of the present administration has been unfortunate in its reactions upon the Filipino leaders. The Governor General himself a distinguished soldier, is surrounded by a group of American Army officers who serve as assistants, aids, and confidential advisers.

These officers have excellent military records but evidently lack training and experience in the duties of civil government and in dealing with legislative bodies and civilian officials.

Instead of facilitating cooperation between the Governor General on the one hand and the Filipino heads of the executive departments and the legislative leaders on the other, this group has been one of the factors which have made such cooperation difficult.

The situation is one that is very common when a military officer is made a civil governor.

Refuse Filipinos Vote on Independence

The opponents of independence claim that the Filipinos do not really desire independence, and the Philippine Legislature has twice passed a bill submitting the question to a vote of the people, but General Wood has vetoed it. The bill was passed at once over his veto, and the question whether the vote shall be sustained is now before President Coolidge, but he has as yet not acted, and this country is placed in the position of not daring to ask the Filipinos what they want.

Violation of Our Principles

The situation therefore is this, that the United States by force overthrew the Philippine Republic and has held the people of the island as subjects ever since against their will without recognizing them to our sway.

But, as Lincoln taught, "Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves, and under a just God cannot long retain it."

The Truth Behind the Chinese War Crisis

Editor's Note

In the February 5 issue of the Appeal appears an article on China by an American in China. Here is one by an American professor who spent the year 1925 in China and has been following the Chinese situation very closely during the past two years.

Professor Harry F. Ward is Professor of Social Ethics at Union Theological Seminary, Chairman of the Committee for Justice to China and President of the American Civil Liberties Union. He here presents a clear outline of the most important elements in the Chinese situation. While in China Dr. Ward instructed in one of its great universities and traveled extensively through various parts of the Republic during this year. Wherever he went, he was greeted enthusiastically by the Chinese students and workers as one of the important leaders of progressive thought in this country. He is author of the PROFIT MOTIVE, and many books on the social problem. We are indebted to him for this fundamental article written especially for the APPEAL.

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One of the biggest international armadas in the history of the world is now hastening to the city of Shanghai in China. Shanghai is one of the greatest ports in the world. It is made up of three different cities all touching each other—the International Settlement—jointly controlled by Great Britain, the United States and Japan; the French concession;

the Chinese native city. This big international fleet of war ships is going there ostensibly to protect the lives and property of British and Americans in the International Settlement. The Chinese, noting that the forces on the ships, including British tanks and infantry as well as American marines, are more than is needed for this purpose, are asking whether this means intervention by Great Britain and the United States in Chinese affairs.

Are Americans Lives in Danger?
The reason why these powers think it necessary to protect their citizens is because the civil war in China is now approaching Shanghai, where there is an arsenal and also large revenues from opium smuggling, both of which have been used by successive military adventurers. Yet twice in recent years, the control of the native city of Shanghai has changed hands without any damage to foreigners. Indeed in all the civil war in China, foreigners have suffered hardly at all, even though they have gone into danger zones, while the Chinese have lost tremendously in life and property. The French do not seem to have thought it necessary to take any special measures to protect their concession, which, like the International Settlement, has certain local forces of police, marines and volunteers for defense against any retreating soldiers or Chinese mob which might go on the loose.

No Fear of Boxer Outbreak

It is therefore evident that Great Britain and the United States are not really moved by any danger of this sort or by any possible anti-foreign uprising. It is mere newspaper nonsense to talk about any possible repetition of the superstitious Boxer

outbreak. Today, we are dealing with a new China, mostly controlled by the ideas and methods of Western education. In some local situations an ignorant mob might be stirred up, as happened recently in Foochow; but, as there, it will immediately be controlled by the Chinese authorities. What the Western powers really fear is that something might happen in Shanghai like that which recently occurred in Hankow and Kuklouang where Chinese mobs rushed into the British concessions and the Nationalist forces restored order by setting up their own administration in these settlements which had previously been controlled entirely by foreigners. The question of their future control is now being negotiated, but they will never go back into purely foreign administration. Great Britain and the United States do not want this to happen in Shanghai where there are more foreigners and more foreign investments than in any other place in China. Hence, they do not hear the question of the Nationalist officials: "Why do you not look to us for protection of your people and property? We have shown elsewhere that we can do it."

The Nationalist Party Advances

This brings us to the heart of the issue between China and the West. Is the control of Westerners and their property and their protection on Chinese soil to be in the hands of their own governments or is it to be placed upon Chinese shoulders as is the case in every other country? The question long debated between China and the West has now been brought to a head by the recent successes of the Nationalist Party, sometimes called the Southern Government, because its headquarters have been in Canton until the last few weeks. This is the

party, founded by the late Dr. Sun Yat Sen, which started the movement for a republican China. Because the government in Peking has been in the control of military adventurers with whom the Westerners have been dealing, the Southerners have never recognized that government. On their part, they have been ignored and opposed by the Western powers until their recent success has compelled Great Britain to negotiate with them and the United States says that it would like to deal with representatives of both North and South.

As a matter of fact, the Nationalist movement is fast getting national support. The recent shooting of Chinese students by foreign orders and the bombardment of Chinese towns by British gunboat, have brought millions of Chinese behind the Southern forces. Over a thousand students and professors have recently left the colleges and universities of Peking, the Northern capital, to join the Nationalist army. Because its soldiers are forbidden to loot, the peasants are increasingly rallying behind it.

Because it has a definite program for China and because its military officers are subject to civil control, the intellectuals and the small merchants are fast giving it their allegiance. Against it are the two big military exploiters of China, both supported by foreign interests—Chang Tao Lin and Wu Pei Fu—and the Chinese capitalists who are afraid of its program for the organization of workers and peasants.

Abolition of Unequal Treaties

In the last few months, the Southern forces have successfully carried on a two-fold war—one against the Chinese militarists from whom they

have now taken the richest part of the country, and the other against Great Britain, in the form of an economic boycott enforced by the solidarity of the Chinese workers, which has cut British trade in China in half and brought Britain to offer terms to the Nationalist movement. The only terms which that movement will accept concerning foreign control of China, are short and sharp. Their program is "abolish the unequal treaties." They say, "we have talked with you long enough about this and got nothing but promises which have never been kept. Now, we are going to cancel these treaties as fast as we get power and you can either write new ones or go without any. Just as you please." This means that the foreigners in China will have to give up three things which have been secured to them by these treaties, originally written by force. One is the control of China's tariff. The second is the foreign concessions. The third is extraterritoriality.

Extraterritoriality and Tariffs

Extraterritoriality means the right of foreigners and their property on Chinese soil to be exempt from the control of Chinese law. The foreign concessions are sections of territory where the foreigners live under their own administration—all of them taken from China by force or pressure—owned by Great Britain, France, and Japan. The United States participates only in the international settlement at Shanghai. China's tariff, which has been entirely set by the foreign powers, is now getting back, like some of the concessions, into her own hands. Already the Nationalist authorities have put in force the extra rates suggested by the recent tariff conference and the

Northern militarists, not to be outdone, have announced the same thing and declared that full tariff autonomy goes into effect January, 1929, in their resistance to foreign control, North and South are united.

The internal program of the Nationalist Party is the completion of the Chinese Republic which has been delayed as much by foreign interference as by the unreadiness of those who were used to try and break the strike that followed this event. It was the American Minister who in the ultimatum last year threatened to use the gunboats if the Nationalists went on defending the mouth of the river at Tientsin. Since then we have given the Chinese nothing but vague promises concerning their independence so that neither we nor they know what our policy really is.

Demand Porter Resolution!

There are two cardinal points in American policy toward the new China. One is the futility of force. The present naval demonstration only anger the Chinese, make negotiations harder, and tend to promote the reaction against foreigners, they are alleged to prevent. If we get drawn into the use of force, we make certain an economic boycott, with a continuation of ill will, which will destroy the trade that is the only reason for the government sending ships to China. The missionaries do not want them.

The other main point in our policy must be to write new treaties with China on the basis of equality and reciprocity and to do it quick. This is called for in the Porter Resolution now before the House. All American citizens should call for its immediate passage for similar action in the Senate, and its enforcement by the White House and the State Department.

Discussion on Farm Question Arousing Widespread Interest

Editor's Note

Weeks ago the American Appeal began to publish the opinions of farmer readers of the Appeal in its relation to Socialism interspersed with articles on Socialism and the farmer.

The rise of interest on this subject has been steady. The Appeal is now receiving letters regularly on this topic, and would have published more of them had the very limited space the Appeal offers permitted.

This is a subject in which the Socialist parties all over the world are taking increasing notice. In this space, this issue of the Appeal, we are going to try to give the gist of some of these letters, and in the future the Appeal will try to publish opinions on this important question that we deem sufficiently interesting and important. If writers are offended because we publish their articles only in part, they can avoid this in the future by making their articles as short as possible.

What One Worker Sees In Future

I have been very much interested in correspondence and discussion on the farm question and the outlook of the farmer under Socialism. I believe that Socialism endeavors to take into account the most practical as well as the most scientific of all the ills for which the economic system is responsible. My idea of the redemption of the farmer as well as the city worker is to do away with both as they exist today and by combining their usefulness make a happier condition for all.

Says Farmers Are Capitalist Minded

Husbandry is the primitive instinct of all. Therefore we should all have our own gardens and fruit trees. As for the growing of grain and the common fruits and vegetables—that should be done by the most highly organized industrial methods with the greatest possible use of machinery.

As for the production of eggs and dairy products—that could probably be done individually as well or better than by mass production.

The change from capitalism to Socialism is an event in the evolution of Man. Those who are unable to adapt themselves to this change had better shoulder the guns of the imperialists and attempt to destroy all knowledge and progress as they have attempted to do before.

—W. Simpson, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Farmers Must Save Selves As Workers

Prosperity for farmers means only higher land values and higher farm rents unless farmers make common cause with other workers to make their own and other labor rather than property, the beneficiary of improved conditions.

A farm workers' union must base any demand for higher prices on the ground of higher wages for those who work. Any public help that the farming interest received should be coupled with measures to prevent the more land ownership from getting the benefit.

Raising wages in one trade without at the same time cutting down profits only hurts the workers in other industries by making their wage buy less. The real solution is to cut out all profit by establishing institutions which will make direct exchanges of the products of different workers with each other.

—Archibald Craig, Jersey City, N. J.

Although Hungarian frontier guards where posted in plain sight of the funeral procession, no further incidents took place.

Growing Efficiency of Capitalism Puts 150,000 Out of Jobs

EDMONTON, Can.—The United Farmers of Alberta have declined the advice of bankers, brokers and editors to "broaden out" their organization and policy so as to permit anybody without distinction of class to join their party. When Drury was head of the United Farmers government of Ontario some years ago he began, against the advice of veteran organizers, to preach the broadening out idea, and when his government went to the people it was flattened out at the polls.

"We have, as a result, the following distribution of shareholders in stocks of corporations for 1924: 200,000 stockholders returning net income; 200,000 stockholders receiving dividends due to inheritance and with net incomes of less than \$2,500 or \$1,000; 1,269,000 stockholders

not making income-tax returns; total individual stockholders 2,316,000."

These government figures completely demolish the claim of American capitalists that capitalism is leading to industrial democracy through widespread distribution of ownership through the sale of corporation stocks.

Even after several years of intensive effort to sell the workers of America stock—much of it non-voting, non-dividend, or non-value stock—as bait to keep them contented, "loyal" and subservient—less than a million persons have enough stock to count as a factor in their incomes.

F. T. U. of Amsterdam, together with the pledges of moral and material solidarity therein implied, afford the most formal assurance that the activity of the Italian General Confederation of Labor will persist in the new phase now opening, unremittingly and unfalteringly, according to guiding principles which will be made public very shortly.

Remarkable Socialist Progress In Austria

VIENNA—The progress of the Austrian Socialist movement is so great that it has seized even the staid rural districts.

The elections to the board of agriculture in the Burgenland province were a test case. The reactionaries made strenuous efforts to capture these boards.

The election was an overwhelming success for the Socialist party. More than 10,000 of the 40,000 votes cast were polled for the Socialist candidates.

Reactionaries Are Beaten.

It used to be an axiom that the farmers of the Burgenland always under the leadership of the Socialists, armed since the days of the revolution. The Burgenland election is due to the fact that the small farmers suspect it of being in cahoots with Hungarian reactionaries who want to recover the province and place it under the rule of Dictator Horthy, said The Arbeiter Zeitung.

The election was an overwhelming success for the Socialist party. The Socialists elected 8 candidates, the Catholics 14 and the Conservatives (Landbund) 10. The reactionary citadel has been breached for the first time.

This result is remarkable, because the Burgenland is a county of big estates, dating from the days of Magyar feudalism. The small farmers, unable to make ends meet on their small holdings, were forced to hire themselves out for a part of the year to city factories.

In the cities they came in touch with Socialists, and so the alliance between city workers and little farmers was formed in the most backward rural province of Austria.

Set Important Precedent.

The Catholic party has thus lost its majority in the Burgenland, whose farmers have set an important precedent in the rural politics of Austria. Other rural districts will soon follow the Burgenland example.

The remarkable part of this development is that Catholic farmers, over 10,000 of them, have voted against the Catholic party and disregarded the instructions of their priests.

The teachers in a part of Austria also joined this demonstration.

Alberta Farmers to Remain Class Party

Italy Labor Body Nails Lie About Its Dissolution

The report spread by the American capitalist press last week that the Italian Confederation of Labor had surrendered to Fascist rule and dissolved turns out to be a Fascist lie, as the following resolution by the Italian General Confederation of Labor shows. The following was received by the American Appeal from the Labor and Socialist International headquarters, Zurich, Switzerland.

(I.) The Italian General Confederation of Labor has made public the following communiqué:

The Executive Committee of the Italian General Confederation of Labor, and the members of the Administrative Committee resident abroad, in connection with the news circulated by the fascist press, according to which the Italian C. G. T. is said to have determined on dissolution, issue the following formal declaration:

1) The Executive Committee of the Italian C. G. T., after the application of the Emergency Laws, has transferred abroad in accordance with the mandate entrusted to it by the Italian workers, to prevent war is to remove its cause. That cause is private ownership. Sozial ownership is the only remedy.

Sincerely yours,
—D. Burgess, Tacoma, Wash.

Carnegie Fund Used To Defend Fascism

NEW YORK—The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace has printed in pamphlet form a defense of Fascism by Alfonso Rocco, Italian minister of justice. The defense is approved by Mussolini, and the pamphlet is circulated by New York Fascists who have organized the Italian Digest and News Service.

The Rocco statement is a denial of every ideal that a democratic people alike tared with the stick of plutoc-

Why Thinkers and Artists Are Socialists

(The following article was written by Glenn Frank, president of the University of Wisconsin, for his series now running in the capitalist press—"Unconventional Views of Life"—and appeared during the week. The headlines above are the Appeal's, but we think them entirely appropriate to the subject.)

Conversation drifted to radicals and socialism.

"Why is it," asked one of the number, "that so many writers and painters and musicians are radicals?"

And then he must measure the value of these facts by standards that seem right to the soul of the artist, which, by its very nature, is insensitive to maladjustment than most of us are.

A reactionary artist is a contradiction in terms.

An artist could not portray life by pen or brush unless he observed keenly.

He could not touch his facts in life unless he were acutely sensitive to the real and the unreal, the good and the bad, the just and the unjust, the beautiful and the ugly.

It is only natural, therefore, that the artist should realize more keenly than the rest of us the handicap that society throws upon many of its sons and daughters.

It is the artist's sensitiveness to human values that makes him a liberal or a radical.

It is a by-product of his art that the artist sees Utopia; and we should be infinitely poorer if he saw less.

Imperialists of Britain Count on Help from Kellogg

LONDON.—"What will the United States do in China?" Every one in London who is interested in international affairs is asking the question, but the leaders of British labor, who are fighting hard to force a square deal for the Cantonese, afford it with the greatest emphasis.

Newspaper correspondents who are in touch with the Foreign Office declare that Secretary Kellogg is hand-in-glove with the Baldwin-Tamm government, and that every move made by Washington up to date has been inspired from this side.

Secretary Kellogg's latest declaration that the Cantonese must not touch Shanghai is hailed with delight by the "Big Business" press. It is regarded as evidence that the United States has definitely taken its stand and that if need be American marine will support "Tommy Atkins" in the latter's effort to squelch Nationalist sentiment in China.

Mussolini beat Kellogg to it, however. The Italian dictator declared himself on Britain's side at least 24 hours before Kellogg was heard from.

Japan and France, on the other hand, show a disposition to stay out of the fracas.

Later the German theory that the individual exists for the state, rather than the state for the individual.

"For Fascism, society is the end. Individuals the means, and its whole life consists in using individuals as instruments for its social ends," say Signor Rocco. "Individual rights are only recognized in so far as they are implied in the rights of the state."

"Our concept of liberty is that the individual must be allowed to develop his personality in behalf of the state."

The Republican and Democratic parties have entered into a conspiracy by means of which they have disfranchised one-half the American people. They have done it with their two-party system—and both parties hold and revive the old Roman and race.